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Mrs. JO FISCHER advised she is Personnel Director of the Statler-Hilton Hotel at Dallas, Texas and that she does not believe LEE HARVEY OSWALD had ever sought employment at the hotel. She said LAURA LAYFIELD tends to dramatize her job and has quite an imagination.

She said LAURA talked to BARBARA LANATELLA, her (FISCHER's) secretary, on November 26, 1963 and told her that she believed OSWALD was an applicant and that he had been very rude and discourteous when he was interviewed. LAURA told BARBARA she was going to come into the Statler personnel office and attempt to find his application. Mrs. FISCHER said LAURA never did come in and search the records for this information.

She said Mrs. SMITH and BARBARA, employees of her office, did attempt to locate the application, and this attempt was made more out of curiosity than anything else. No note concerning the application and no form concerning OSWALD's application was located in the records of her office. She said another search was made at the time that she was interviewed by SA JAMES E. GARRIS when he came down, and during her interview with SA GARRIS she made a pretext telephone call to LAURA, and the facts developed as a result of this call were furnished to SA GARRIS.

She said that LAURA was told that the "tearing up of the application" and the fact that she, LAURA, claimed to have written "nasty" on the bottom of it, were not reasonable, in her opinion. She said that she requested LAURA to explain how the application could have been torn up and then how she might have written any notations on it after it had been destroyed and LAURA told her "I guess that it was someone else". Mrs. FISCHER stated that JAMES MURPHY did not use the name JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY when he applied for work at the Statler-Hilton on October 31, 1963. He was interviewed by Mrs. THELMA BREG who referred him to the Executive Chef, FRANK KANKRLIK, who hired him to work as a kitchen helper in the employees' cafeteria to begin work on November 1, 1963.

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Mrs. FISCHER said that BARBARA LANATELLA (who has red hair) is her personal secretary and she determined from BARBARA that BARBARA was present and did recall that MURPHY made an application for work. BARBARA advised her she did not recall if other persons were present when MURPHY applied for employment and she said that BARBARA did not recall a Negro male making an application for employment as a baker on October 31, 1963. Mrs. FISCHER said she personally did not recall this man applying for work as a baker on that date.

She said THELMA BREG was the interviewer who talked to MURPHY before he was sent to be interviewed by FRANK KANKRLIK. She produced the time cards for JAMES MURPHY and they reflected he first reported for work at 10:39 A.M., November 1, 1963 and finished that day's work at 6:45 P.M. She said he was continuously employed by the hotel until November 26, 1963 and on that date he worked from 7:46 A.M. to 12:11 P.M., and quit because his hours were cut to two or three hours per day so he could get two meals each day, however, he seemed to think he would not be earning enough and told her he was going to New Orleans.

She said that MURPHY was processed on November 1, 1963 and that she believed he could have been confused about going to work on the 31st of October when he was sent down to be interviewed by the Chef.

She said he definitely was not put on the payroll until November 1, 1963 and that Mrs. KATIE MOORE, supervisor of the employees' cafeteria, could confirm this fact. Mrs. FISCHER said she did not talk to MURPHY on the day he applied for work but she recalled she did talk to him on several occasions after that and he did "blow up" when he got his first check and saw what his deductions were. She said MURPHY worked with MIKE MEDRANO who is presently a bus boy in the Statler-Hilton Hotel Coffee Shop and that she believed MIKE assisted MURPHY in locating a place to live. Mrs. FISCHER said she personally called the Salvation Army and talked to a Mrs. BURNSIDE to get a room for MURPHY about a week after he started to work at the hotel. At that time, arrangements were made for MURPHY to have a room at no charge at the Salvation Army.

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She said she had not called the information to the FBI Office with reference to MURPHY's "blow up" when he left until after LAURA LAYFIELD called BARBARA LANATELLA because she felt MURPHY was "upset" over the death of President KENNEDY.

Mrs. FISCHER said LAYFIELD is presently employed as a hostess at the Court Club in the hotel and normally reports for work at 5:00 P.M., remaining until closing time.

She said she had no personal knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY, also known as JACK RUBENSTEIN, and that she had never been in any of RUBY's clubs and did not believe she had ever personally seen him. She knew nothing or any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD.

Mrs. JO FISCHER advised that persons in her office have made a very thorough and complete check of all applications for the period October 29 to November 3, 1963 and had not discovered any application that would indicate that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had appeared at the Personnel Office to seek work as a bell man during that period.